

REMARKS

The Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Invention I. Claims 1-42 and 54-62, drawn to a method for searching a database to increment or deleting until the hash value included in the selected entry, classified in class 707, subclass 203;


Invention II. Claims 43-50 are drawn from a data structure, classified in class 707, subclass 100; and

Invention III. Claims 51-53 are drawn from a system for managing Internet Protocol Security, classified in class 709, subclass 230

In response, Applicants elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1 - 42 and 54 - 62. Applicants agree that unpatentability of the claims of Inventions II and III, which correspond to Claims 43 - 53, would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the claims of Invention I. Accordingly, Applicants are making this election without traverse, and have canceled Claims 43 - 53 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1 - 42 and 54 - 62. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required or credit any refund to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

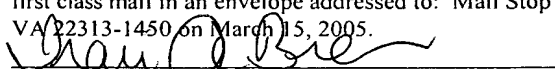
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